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Implications of Indian Tactical Nuclear Weapons for South Asia Deterrence

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Objective:

India's new government plans to conduct a review of its nuclear policy, and it is reasonable to assume that the Modi administration will seek to improve India's overall defense strategy and management, which has frustrated Indian military and strategic communities for some time. This project will identify and analyze the options under consideration by Indian decision makers in terms of nuclear capabilities and doctrine. In particular, CEIP will examine the factors that India will have to consider in deciding whether or not to develop battlefield nuclear weapons as it seeks to provide more symmetric and flexible options for countering Pakistan's development and potential use of theater nuclear weapons.

Approach:

CEIP will develop a typology of Indian perceptions and views and generate hypotheses to test in meetings with Indian and Pakistani counterparts. The resulting monograph will provide recommendations to Pakistan, India, and the United States to minimize the destabilizing effects of the next phase of the Indo-Pakistan nuclear competition. To carry out this project, CEIP researchers will rely on insights and background data gained from participation in workshops and discussions with experts. Researchers will also monitor open-source debates on issues related to India's defense and nuclear policy reviews. In addition, they will travel to the region to engage in exchanges, both public and private, with a range of experts and officials engaged in nuclear policy issues.